

Fleamarket 2002

October 19 at 1:00 pm

Background

This year we are putting on our club's sixteenth annual Amiga computer show. So come and join us and show your support for the Amiga.

Where: The Brookside
Convention Center,
Hurst, Texas

When: Saturday October 19
Time: 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM
Admission: Free

Amiga Flea Market

Amiga hardware and software from members and non-members will be available for sale.

Sellers: The flea market will be open to members for a fee of 5% on items sold and to non-members for a fee of 10% on items sold.

Tables will be available to rent at the show to individuals for \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Please make arrangements in advance, space is limited.

Flea market forms will be available and items will be collected at the September and October chapter meetings. If you cannot attend, then you may contact one of the collectors below. No items will be accepted on the day of the show.

<u>Collector</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Mark Stodola	Cedar Hill	(469) 575-0451
Ned Kelly	Arlington	(817) 277-5825
David Owens	Fort Worth	(817) 847-5486
Dan Stockelman	Dallas	(972) 985-8522

Buyers: Cash only from non-members, while cash and checks will be accepted from members.

Prices for most items in the flea market will be reduced at 3:00 PM.

Demos And Stuff

We had hoped that the new AmigaOne would have shipped by the show date, but unfortunately this does not look too likely at this time. So come and see some of your favorite Amiga classic machines set up and running.

We are always looking for interesting things to offer and demo, so if you have any thoughts as to something that you would like to see at the show please contact our Educational Chair, David Owens.

Other Attractions

We will have a door prize drawing at the end of the show, and you need to be present to win. Amiga software from the club's library of public domain software will be available. A special on memberships will be offered: thirteen months for the price of twelve. We also hope to have a few computers set up so you can ask the club's resident gurus for help and advice.

Brookside Drive in Hurst, Texas. To find the Convention Center get to Highway 183/121, take the Precinct Line Road exit, and drive south on Precinct Line Road. After approximately 0.3 miles turn left (east), on Bedford Euless Road. Drive 0.4 miles to Brookside Drive. The Convention Center is on the southeast corner.

Contact

Your assistance is necessary to make the show a success so if you can volunteer to help please contact us. If you have any questions, please contact any of the club officers or contact me, Ned Kelly, at home at (817) 277-5825, or by email at nedkelly@ticnet.com.

Best of Times Or the worst?

If you've been reading the news sites lately you've noticed that Microsoft doesn't seem to have as many friends as they once did. The Xbox is still a sluggish seller despite the recent price reduction. The U.S. government is looking into open source software despite M\$'s repeated claims that open source is a national security risk. Each week brings a new virus or weakness in a M\$ product. Their attempt to release the source code to some of their products was seen as a weak effort to save off harsh government regulations (it didn't work). The Justice Department

Directions & Parking
The Brookside Convention Center is located at 1244

wants to examine the M\$ books, looking for the same creative method of accounting used by WorldCom, Enron, and a couple of others. And even long-dependent Apple is making noises like they want to take the Big Guy down a notch or two.

So what does this have to do with Amiga? Plenty. In a recent survey, a staggering 42% of people polled said they were looking for an alternative to the Windows OS. Numbers like this have to be sending a shock wave over Redmond. People are tired of bugs, viruses, lack of security, restrictive licensing agreements, and in general an operating system that controls YOU instead of you controlling IT. Governments worldwide are turning to Linux as their choice to run important government installations, China

being the most prominent. Apple's switchers advertising campaign is actually making a difference as a number of converts have already made the change. Walmart sells computers with the Lindows system on their web site. And Open Office, a office suite of programs that offers near 100% compatibility with M\$ Office is making a lot of people stop and think. With people being so receptive to change, in numbers never seen before, now is the prime time for Amiga to stage its comeback. Bring back a simpler OS from a simpler time — one that works with you, not against you. An OS that can handle everything from the most mundane task to the most complex business software. Something strong enough to chew through the most intensive audio and video work and still play a good game of chess. This was what Amiga

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September Calendar

- September 9 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N.Richland Hills Community Ctr.
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N.Richland Hills
- September 9 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- September 19 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- September 28 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

was at one time, and it was one of the best. If these same qualities can be brought to market in a modern OS the people who are looking for alternatives will take notice. And maybe, just maybe, those people will make the new OS a force to be reckoned with. It is possible. But we have to wonder if Amiga can overcome years of corporate mismanagement and bungling.

The novel *A Tale of Two Cities* starts with the line "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Surely no better description fits the history of the Amiga. It is up to the powers that be to determine if we will once again have the best of times or if we will continue in the worst of times.
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